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In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A combination of a pitched roof of a building and a guardrail system therefor ~~A guardrail system for a pitched roof of a building, the pitched roof comprising a plurality of pitched roof members, the guardrail system comprising:~~

said pitched roof comprising a plurality of pitched roof members;

said guardrail system comprising a plurality of end post supports each comprising

a U-shaped body having a first segment ~~[[for]]~~ removably ~~[[fastening]]~~ fastened to an end of a respective pitched roof member and having a second segment extending outwardly from the respective pitched roof member with a gap therebetween defined by the U-shape,

a post receiver connected to an upper end of the second segment of said U-shaped body, and

a stabilizer carried by said U-shaped body for extending against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof;

a respective post carried by the post receiver of each end post support; and

rail members connected between adjacent posts.

2. (Currently Amended) A ~~guardrail system~~ combination according to Claim 1 wherein the first segment of said U-shaped body has a plurality of openings therein to receive respective removable fasteners.

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3. (Currently Amended) A ~~guardrail system~~
combination according to Claim 1 wherein said stabilizer
comprises:

an elongate stabilizer member; and
a stabilizer receiver connected to said U-shaped body
for adjustably receiving said elongate stabilizer member
therein.

4. (Currently Amended) A ~~guardrail system~~
combination according to Claim 3 further comprising a
transverse stabilizer member connected to an end of said
elongate stabilizer member.

5. (Currently Amended) A ~~guardrail system~~
combination according to Claim 1 further comprising a kick
member bracket carried by the upper end of the second segment
of said U-shaped body for receiving a kick member therein.

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~guardrail system~~
combination according to Claim 1 further comprising:
a plurality of gable post supports, each comprising
a body having a first end for removably fastening to a pitched
roof member along a gable portion thereof, and a post receiver
carried by said body;

a respective post carried by the post receiver of
each gable post support; and

rail members connected between adjacent posts.

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7. (Currently Amended) A ~~guardrail-system~~
combination according to Claim 6 wherein said body comprises a
gable plate to be removably connected to the pitched roof
member, and an elongate gable member extending outwardly from
said gable plate.

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~guardrail-system~~
combination according to Claim 7 wherein said post receiver is
selectively positionable along said elongate gable member.

9. (Currently Amended) A ~~guardrail-system~~
combination according to Claim 6 wherein each gable post
support further comprises a stabilizer carried by a second end
of the body for extending against an adjacent wall portion
below the pitched roof.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~guardrail-system~~
combination according to Claim 9 wherein said stabilizer
comprises:

an elongate stabilizer member; and
a stabilizer receiver connected to said body for
adjustably receiving said elongate stabilizer member therein.

11. (Currently Amended) A ~~guardrail-system~~
combination according to Claim 10 further comprising a
transverse stabilizer member connected to an end of said
elongate stabilizer member.

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12. (Currently Amended) A combination of a pitched roof of a building and an end post support for a guardrail system for the pitched roof of the building, the combination
~~An end post support for a guardrail system for a pitched roof of a building, the end post support~~ comprising:

said pitched roof comprising a plurality of pitched roof members;

said end post support comprising a U-shaped body having a first segment [[for]] removably [[fastening]] fastened to an end of a pitched roof member of the pitched roof, and having a second segment extending outwardly from the roof member with a gap therebetween defined by the U-shape;

a post receiver connected to an upper end of the second segment of said U-shaped body; and

a stabilizer carried by said U-shaped body for extending against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~An end post support~~ A combination according to Claim 12 wherein the first segment of said U-shaped body has a plurality of openings therein to receive respective removable fasteners.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~An end post support~~ A combination according to Claim 12 wherein said stabilizer comprises:

an elongate stabilizer member; and

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a stabilizer receiver connected to said U-shaped body for adjustably receiving said elongate stabilizer member therein.

15. (Currently Amended) A combination of a pitched roof of a building and a gable post support for a guardrail system for the pitched roof of the building, the combination A
~~gable post support for a guardrail system for a pitched roof of a building, the gable post support comprising:~~

a pitched roof comprising a plurality of pitched roof members;

said gable post comprising a body having a first end
[[for]] removably [[fastening]] fastened to a pitched roof member of the pitched roof along a gable portion thereof;

a post receiver carried by said body; and

a stabilizer carried by a second end of the body for extending against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof.

16. (Currently Amended) A ~~gable post support~~
combination according to Claim 15 wherein said body comprises a gable plate to be removably connected to the pitched roof member, and an elongate gable member extending outwardly from said gable plate.

17. (Currently Amended) A ~~gable post support~~
combination according to Claim 16 wherein said post receiver is selectively positionable along said elongate gable member.

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18. (Currently Amended) A ~~gable post support combination~~ according to Claim 15 wherein said stabilizer comprises:

an elongate stabilizer member; and
a stabilizer receiver connected to said body for adjustably receiving said elongate stabilizer member therein.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of installing a guardrail system on a pitched roof of a building, the pitched roof comprising a plurality of pitched roof members, the method comprising:

connecting a plurality of end post supports to ends of respective pitched roof members, each end post support comprising

a U-shaped body having a first segment ~~[[for]]~~ removably ~~[[fastening]]~~ fastened to the end of the respective pitched roof member and having a second segment extending outwardly from the respective pitched roof member with a gap therebetween defined by the U-shape,

a post receiver connected to an upper end of the second segment of the U-shaped body, and

a stabilizer carried by the U-shaped body ~~[[for]]~~ and extending against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof;

connecting a respective post to the post receiver of each end post support; and

connecting rail members between adjacent posts.

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20. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 19 wherein the first segment of the U-shaped body has a plurality of openings therein to receive respective removable fasteners.

21. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 19 wherein the stabilizer comprises an elongate stabilizer member; and further comprising adjustably receiving the elongate stabilizer member in a stabilizer receiver connected to the U-shaped body.

22. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 21 further comprising connecting a transverse stabilizer member to an end of the elongate stabilizer member.

23. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 19 further comprising connecting a kick member bracket to the upper end of the second segment of the U-shaped body for receiving a kick member therein.

24. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 19 further comprising removably fastening a plurality of gable post supports to the pitched roof members along a gable portion thereof.

25. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 24 wherein each of the plurality of gable post supports comprises:

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a body having a first end for removably fastening to roof members along a gable portion thereof; and
a post receiver carried by the body.

26. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 25 wherein the body comprises a gable plate to be removably connected to the roof member; and further comprising extending an elongate gable member outwardly from the gable plate.

27. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 26 further comprising selectively positioning the post receiver along the elongate gable member.

28. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 25 wherein each gable post support further comprises a stabilizer carried by a second end of the body; and further comprising extending the stabilizer against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof.

29. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 28 wherein the stabilizer comprises an elongate stabilizer member; and further comprising adjustably receiving the elongate stabilizer member in a stabilizer receiver connected to the body.

30. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 29 further comprising connecting a transverse stabilizer member to an end of the elongate stabilizer member.

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31. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 19 further comprising connecting the plurality of end post supports to ends of the pitched roof members while at ground level.

32. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 19 further comprising connecting the plurality of end post supports to ends of the pitched roof members from an elevated platform.

33. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 24 further comprising removably fastening the plurality of gable posts supports to the pitched roof member while at ground level.

34. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 24 further comprising removably fastening the plurality of gable posts supports to the pitched roof member from an elevated platform.

35. (Currently Amended) A combination of a pitched roof of a building and a temporary guardrail system therefor
~~A temporary guardrail system for a pitched roof of a building,~~
~~the pitched roof comprising a plurality of pitched roof-~~
~~members, the guardrail system comprising:~~

a pitched roof comprising a plurality of pitched roof members;

said temporary guardrail system comprising a

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plurality of end post supports each comprising

a body having a first segment ~~[[for]]~~ removably
~~[[fastening]]~~ fastened to an end of a respective pitched
roof member and having a second segment extending
outwardly from the respective pitched roof member,

a post receiver connected to an upper end of
the second segment of said body, and

a stabilizer carried by said body for extending
against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof;

a respective post carried by the post receiver of
each end post support; and

rail members connected between adjacent posts.

36. (Currently Amended) A combination ~~temporary~~
~~guardrail system~~ according to Claim 35 wherein the first
segment of said body has a plurality of openings therein to
receive respective removable fasteners to temporarily secure
said body to a side of the end of the respective pitched roof
member.

37. (Currently Amended) A combination ~~temporary~~
~~guardrail system~~ according to Claim 35 wherein said stabilizer
comprises:

an elongate stabilizer member; and

a stabilizer receiver connected to said body for
adjustably receiving said elongate stabilizer member therein.

38. (Currently Amended) A combination ~~temporary~~
~~guardrail system~~ according to Claim 37 further comprising a

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transverse stabilizer member connected to an end of said
elongate stabilizer member.

39. (Currently Amended) A combination temporary
~~guardrail system~~ according to Claim 35 further comprising a
kick member carried by the upper end of the second segment.

40. (Currently Amended) A combination temporary
~~guardrail system~~ according to Claim 35 further comprising:
a plurality of gable post supports, each comprising
a gable body having a first end for removably fastening to a
pitched roof member along a gable portion thereof, and a post
receiver carried by said gable body;
a respective post carried by the post receiver of
each gable post support; and
rail members connected between adjacent posts.

41. (Currently Amended) A combination temporary
~~guardrail system~~ according to Claim 40 wherein said gable body
comprises a gable plate to be removably connected to the
pitched roof member, and an elongate gable member extending
outwardly from said gable plate.

42. (Currently Amended) A combination temporary
~~guardrail system~~ according to Claim 41 wherein said post
receiver is selectively positionable along said elongate gable
member.

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43. (Currently Amended) A combination temporary
~~guardrail system~~ according to Claim 40 wherein each gable post
support further comprises a gable stabilizer carried by a
second end of said gable body for extending against an
adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof.

44. (Currently Amended) A combination temporary
~~guardrail system~~ according to Claim 43 wherein said gable
stabilizer comprises:

an elongate stabilizer member; and
a stabilizer receiver connected to said gable body
for adjustably receiving said elongate stabilizer member
therein.

45. (Currently Amended) A combination temporary
~~guardrail system~~ according to Claim 44 further comprising a
transverse stabilizer member connected to an end of said
elongate stabilizer member.

46. (Currently Amended) A method of installing a
temporary guardrail system on a pitched roof of a building,
the pitched roof comprising a plurality of pitched roof
members, the method comprising:

connecting a plurality of end post supports to ends
of respective pitched roof members, each end post support
comprising

a body having a first segment ~~[[for]]~~ removably

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[[fastening]] fastened to the end of the respective pitched roof member and having a second segment extending outwardly from the respective pitched roof member,

a post receiver connected to an upper end of the second segment of the body, and

a stabilizer carried by the body [[for]] and extending against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof;

connecting a respective post to the post receiver of each end post support; and

connecting rail members between adjacent posts.

47. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 46 wherein the first segment of the body has a plurality of openings therein to receive respective removable fasteners to temporarily secure the body to a side of the end of the respective pitched roof member.

48. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 46 wherein the stabilizer comprises an elongate stabilizer member; and further comprising adjustably receiving the elongate stabilizer member in a stabilizer receiver connected to the body.

49. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 48 further comprising connecting a transverse stabilizer member to an end of the elongate stabilizer member.

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50. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 46 further comprising connecting a kick member to the upper end of the second segment of the body.

51. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 46 further comprising removably fastening a plurality of gable post supports to the pitched roof members along a gable portion thereof.

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